

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A composition for protecting natural and artificial hair color from environmental insults comprising:
 - a. melanin;
 - b. an ultraviolet absorber comprising ~~a benzotriazole derivative, a benzophenone derivative, or a triazine derivative~~ sodium benzotriazolyl butylphenol sulfonate; and
 - c. a cationic surfactant.
2. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein:
 - a. the melanin comprises from about 0.001% to about 0.5% of the composition;
 - b. the ultraviolet absorber comprises from about 0.001% to about 10% of the composition;
 - c. the cationic surfactant comprises from about 0.001% to about 10% of the composition; or
 - d. any combination of the above.
3. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein
 - a. the melanin comprises from about 0.01% to about 0.1% of the composition;
 - b. the ultraviolet absorber comprises from about 0.01% to about 3% of the composition;
 - c. the cationic surfactant comprises from about 0.01% to about 3% of the composition; or
 - d. any combination of the above.

4. (Original) The composition of claim 1 further comprising an antioxidant.
5. (Original) The composition of claim 4 wherein the antioxidant comprises a liquid sunflower extract in butylene glycol.
6. (Currently amended) A composition comprising:
 - a. a soluble melanin;
 - b. an ultraviolet absorber comprising sodium benzotriazolyl butylphenol sulfonate ~~selected from the group consisting of a benzotriazole derivative, a benzophenone derivative, a triazine derivative, and a polyoxyalkylenated methine-based compound;~~ and
 - c. a cationic surfactant selected from the group consisting of a cinnamate derivative, a long chain amine, a cationic alkyl ammonium salt, and a quaternized UV absorbing compound.
7. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 2 wherein:
 - a. the melanin comprises a soluble melanin; and
 - b. the cationic surfactant is selected from the group consisting of a cinnamate derivative, a long chain amine, a cationic alkyl ammonium salt, and a quaternized UV absorbing compound.
8. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 6 wherein:
 - a. the soluble melanin comprises a soluble melanin derived from sunflower seed;
 - b. ~~the ultraviolet absorber comprises an aryl sulfonated benzotriazole;~~
 - e. the cationic surfactant comprises a quaternary ammonium compound; or
 - c. ~~d.~~ any combination of the above.
9. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 7 wherein:

a. the soluble melanin comprises a soluble melanin derived from sunflower seed;

b. ~~the ultraviolet absorber comprises an aryl sulfonated benzotriazole;~~

e. the cationic surfactant comprises a quaternary ammonium compound; or

c. ~~d.~~ any combination of the above.

10. (Original) The composition of claim 8 wherein the quaternary ammonium compound comprises an alkyl quaternary ammonium salt.

11. (Original) The composition of claim 9 wherein the quaternary ammonium compound comprises an alkyl quaternary ammonium salt.

12-19. (Canceled)

20. (Original) A composition for protecting natural and artificial hair color from environmental insults comprising:

a. from about 0.03% to about 0.04% soluble melanin derived from sunflower seed;

b. from about 0.1% to about 0.15% sodium benzotriazolyl butylphenol sulfonate; and

c. from about 1% to about 1.5% cinnamidopropyltrimonium chloride.

21. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 8 wherein the cationic surfactant comprises cinnamidopropyltrimonium chloride.

22. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 9 wherein the cationic surfactant comprises cinnamidopropyltrimonium chloride.